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SUBJECT: PROPOSED USE OF FRENCH NAVAL VESSELS AT SVALBARD

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1. WE WOULD REFRAIN, IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, FROM USING
MILITARY VESSELS OR AIRCRAFT FOR THE KIND OF SUPPLY MISSION
THE FRENCH APPEAR TO HAVE IN MIND. WE WOULD NOT PROCEED
WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO AND AGREEMENT OF THE NOR-
WEGIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. SUCH ACTION AS FRENCH CONTEMPLATE COULD CERTAINLY BE
INTERPRETED BY SOME SIGNATORIES, NOTABLY USSR, AS VIOLATION
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OF DEMILITARIZATION PROVISION (ARTICLE 9).

3. IN ANY CASE, GON POSITION SHOULD BE DETERMINING FACTOR.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN NO US NAVAL VISITS TO SVALBARD IN
RECENT YEARS TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE. CHRISTOPHER

NOTE BY OCT: POUCHED TO MOSCOW.

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